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## HITHERTO they have confined themselves

to the grand stand and got some

one to buy the pool tickets they want

and make bets for them with the book-

makers.

A veteran horse racer told the writer

a short time ago that he knew a num-

ber of women, who not only bet assidu-

ously but who make a business of fol-

lowing the races. They start out at

the beginning of the season and make

the round of the circuit as regularly

as the owners of race horses or the

men who do nothing but bet on horses.

Truly woman's field is widening.

These are forlorn times for the Civil-

Service Commission. The Democrats

jump on it at very short intervals and

the Republicans amuse themselves by

taking a whack at it on the slightest

provocation. Now a man in New

York has entered suit against the Com-

missioners, claiming that there is no

constitutional ground for their exist-

ence, and that they are usurping a

power vested only in the President of

the United States. Next to having to

undergo the vexation and tribulation of

the Civil Service Commission, their

selves.

The Philadelphia Times has been

looking into the reported revival in the

iron and steel business at that State and

finds that the report is founded on solid

facts. There is a gratifying increase

in the trade. The differences between the

manufacturers and laborers will be

soon adjusted. Mills that have been

closed for a year have started up. In

all branches of the trade there is ac-

tivity, many of the manufacturers having

orders on hand sufficient to keep their

works going for six months if no new

orders should be received. We have

heretofore noted the improvement in

other branches of business, and from

everywhere come the most encouraging

reports. There is evidently a good

time coming.

King Alfonso says that if he takes

extreme measures against Germany

for the latter's seizure of the Carolines

his country is ruined, and if he does

not he will be deluged by his people.

We feel sorry for the youthful mon-

arch. Somebody ought to get a guar-

dian for him. In the meantime Prince

Bismarck is as imperturbable as ever.

He celebrated the anniversary of

Sweden yesterday and practically in-

formed Spain that he had no idea of

giving up the islands.

No Englishman who ever visited

this country has had a warmer welcome

than will be extended to Canon Far-

raro who sails from Liverpool to-

morrow. His work and character are

well known and admired here. His

short, but eloquent tribute to General

Grant—the best address by far that we

have seen on the subject—has endeared

him to every American. He will be as

welcome as the flowers in spring.

Governor MARMADUKE of Missouri

has instituted measures for the arrest

of the robbers who went through a

Chicago &amp; Alton train the other night,

that will probably prove successful.

They were evidently amateurs at the

business, almost as badly scared as the

passengers whose pockets they picked,

and in view of the thousand dollars

each offered for their capture, they

must be hunted down or turn States

evidence on one another.

The story goes that the Maori King

was completely smitten with her

charms. He attended every perform-

ance at which Miss Ward appeared, and

his reckless purchase of box-stalls and

bouquets. Finally, by most persever-

ance and diplomacy, he obtained an

introduction to Miss Ward. After one

or two meetings he proposed for the

hand of the fair lady. Being the happy

possessor of seven wives already, his

offer of marriage was declined. But

the Maori King meant business. He

showed also that he was an accom-

plishing lover. He informed Miss Ward

that if she would marry him he would

kill all of his present wives and never

have any other spouse but her. Miss

Ward declined to be the accessory of

such a matrimonial massacre, and we

are told that the unhappy King is now

pinning away and will soon fill an early

grave.

This is hard on the King, but Miss

Ward's friends evidently think that the

reported episode will be of vast profes-

sional assistance to her, judging by

the industry with which they boom

the story.

FURTHER AND GENETICA.

The two crack yachts, the Genesta

and the Puritan, which will sail a

series of races, commencing next Mon-

day, for the Queen's Cup, are both in

dock in New York well high ready for

the contest. The most careful atten-

tion is paid to every detail of the work,

and hundreds of visitors go daily to

look at the two boats. The interest in

the race is rapidly increasing, and as

the time draws near confidence grows

in the capacity of the Puritan to suc-

cessfully cope with her royal adver-

sary. The betting is at the rate of 199

to 60 in the Yankee boat's favor, with

no takers. Such confidence is war-

ranted by the facts. The Puritan is in

splendid trim and has as competent a

captain and crew as ever took a vessel's

deck. Besides when a yacht can make

eight miles in thirty-seven minutes

it is time to bet on her.

It is said in New York that Mr.

Beaver-Webb, the owner of the Genesta,

is already a little sick of his job. When

he challenged for the cup he had no

idea that a boat would be built especially

for the purpose of defeating that

trophy. His agents had reported to him

on the merits of all the yachts then

owned by Americans. He was led to

believe that the Genesta could defeat

them one after another, and never

thought that in the time came there

would be a Puritan pitted against his

Cavalier.

WOMEN AT THE RACES.

The racing season this year has seen

an unusually large number of women

who take part in the betting that goes

on when horses run.

A few years ago one would have

been surprised to see a woman invest-

ing in a "French mutual" and "taking

a flyer" with that genial gentleman

who "makes books" and also makes

money. But now no surprise at all is

felt. The woman who wagers money

on horse races has become so common

that habits of the race course think

nothing of it. And female gamblers

are getting bolder and bolder. We are

told that they are beginning at the

Coney Island track to be seen on the

pool lawn with the rest of the "sports."

## PEOPLE IN GENERAL.

O. TWINKLING star of night; that I

the mystery would unfold.

Also by looking in the light of

the story all unfolded.

O. other twinkling star that comes

to glorify the night.

The story in the light of the

type in type in light.

—Boston Gazette.

SENATOR HOAR of Massachusetts is 39

years old today.

EX-PRESIDENT CHESTER A. ARTHUR has

about forty-five public dinner engagements

on hand.

GENERAL SIMON CAMERON is in good

health, and was out riding yesterday at

Nagawick.

EVERYTHING is fair in September. Four

hundred and forty-five State and county

fairs are advertised to be held this month.

EX-GOVERNOR WILLIAM SMITH of War-

renton, Va., better known to past genera-

tions as "Extra Billy," will be 90 years old

on Monday.

EX-GOVERNOR ST. JOHN is looked for

eight weeks in New Jersey, after which

he will make two in Ohio and another eight

in New York.

Miss LOUISE MATTHEWS, sister of Brander

Matthews, is engaged to be

married to Pierre Barlow, son of S. L. M.

Barlow of New York.

The soldiers of the Mexican war will

meet in Indianapolis September 15, and be-

tween four and five hundred veterans are

expected to be in attendance.

Mr. ROBERT GARRETT, president of the

Baltimore &amp; Ohio Railroad Company, will

sail from Liverpool September 12, and ex-

pects to arrive home about the 15th.

A "Life of Pius IX." in two

volumes has been written by Mr. Lowe, the

Berth correspondent of the London Times,

and it will soon be published by Cassell.

SENATOR SEWELL of New Jersey, who has

just returned from Europe, was given a re-

ception at Camden last evening by about

three hundred representative citizens of

that place.